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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and the calculation of filing fees, kindly amend the aboveidentified application as follows.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, following the title, insert the following:

--This disclosure is based upon, and claims priority from, French Patent Application No. 98/03471 filed March 20, 1998, and International Application No. PCT/FR99/00583, filed March 16, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Background of the Invention--;